

**OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**  
**JOINT STAFF REPORT - SPRING FACT SHEET NO. 1**  
**Columbia River Compact/Joint State Hearing**  
**April 20, 2022**

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| <b><i>Fisheries Under Consideration:</i></b> | Select Area commercial fisheries |
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*Detailed information on stock status and management guidelines for Columbia River fisheries are presented in Joint Staff Reports, which are produced annually and available online. The most recent report is the 2022 Spring Chinook, Summer Chinook, Sockeye, Steelhead and Other Species Report (February 2, 2022) available at:*

*<https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/management/columbia-river/reports> and <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/jsmreports.asp>*

***Select Area Commercial Spring Chinook Fisheries***

- Combined Select Area winter-season landings totaled 1,303 Chinook, or 141% of the recent 5-year average harvest of 923 spring Chinook through week 16.
- Ex-vessel price remains high, with an average ex-vessel value last week of \$12.00/pound.
- Winter season fishing periods concluded April 15. Select Area winter fisheries used approximately 32% of the total non-treaty commercial allocation of upriver spring Chinook (418 fish).
- Initial spring season fishing periods were conducted on April 18-19 in all Select Area sites. Landings from the initial spring season periods totaled approximately 854 fish and was the highest spring opening period harvest in recent years. Catches of upriver stock spring Chinook were higher than anticipated in Youngs Bay and Tongue Point/South Channel. Deep River has not had any catch of upriver spring Chinook to date.
- The upriver spring Chinook impacts from the winter season and initial spring season fishing periods combined now total approximately 407 or 97% of the total non-treaty commercial allocation.
- Given the accrual of upriver spring Chinook mortalities in the initial spring Select Area fishing periods, and the balance remaining on the commercial allocation, modifications to the spring season structure are necessary to maintain opportunity in the remaining spring timeframe.

***Recommendation: 2022 Select Area Commercial Fisheries***

Compact Action:

Tongue Point/South Channel

- **Rescind** the fishing periods previously adopted for the Tongue Point/South Channel Select Areas on April 21-22 (4 hours), April 25-26 (12 hours), April 28-29 (12 hours), May 2-3 (12 hours), May 4-5 (12 hours), and May 5-6 (12 hours).
- **Rescind** the fishing period previously adopted for the Tongue Point Select Area May 9-10 (12 hours).
- **Modify** the open hours previously adopted for the South Channel Select Area on May 9-10 to 2:30 AM to 6:30 AM on May 10 (4 hours)

Blind Slough/Knappa Slough

- **Rescind** the 12-hour fishing periods previously adopted for the Blind Slough/Knappa Slough Select Areas on April 21-22, April 25-26, April 28-29, May 2-3, May 4-5, and May 5-6.
- **Modify** the open hours previously adopted for the Knappa Slough Select Area on May 9-10 to 3:30 AM to 7:30 AM on May 10 (4 hours)

Oregon State Action:

- **Rescind** the 4-hour fishing periods previously adopted for the Youngs Bay Select Area on April 21, April 25, April 28, May 2, May 4, and May 5.
- **Rescind** the 4-day fishing period previously adopted for the Youngs Bay Select Area on May 9-13.
- **Adopt** a 4-hour fishing period in Upper Youngs Bay on Monday May 9 from 1 PM to 5 PM.
- **Adopt** a fishing period in Youngs Bay from 7 PM on Wednesday May 11 to noon Friday May 13.

All other previously adopted regulations specific to each site remain in effect.

- These recommendations would result in significantly reduced fishing area and time through May 10 while maintaining fishing opportunity in Deep River. These modifications will help limit additional upriver spring Chinook impacts in the first part of the spring Select Area season in order to provide opportunity for all sites in the remaining spring timeframe.

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

- No additional Compact or Joint State hearings are scheduled at this time. The Joint Staff will monitor fisheries and recommend additional hearings as needed.